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The following is listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and is in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-288412 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application and also in corresponding U.S. Patent 5,842,090.

An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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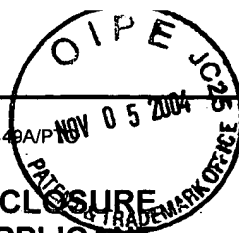
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